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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO:

Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM:

Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE:

April 5, 2013

SUBJECT:

Miami Beach Police Department ¥ CALEA Re-Accreditation with Excellence

On March 23, 2013 the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) approved the Miami Beach Police Department for re-accreditation with the prestigious recognition of Accreditation with Excellence.

In 2009 CALEA awarded the Miami Beach Police Department the *Flagship* designation. CALEA renamed its *Flagship* designation to *Accreditation with Excellence*, and enhanced the stringent award criteria and application process. With this enhanced award, the Miami Beach Police Department is again a member of an elite group comprised of fewer than ten percent of all accredited agencies nationwide.

As part of the *Re-Accreditation* and *Accreditation with Excellence* process, Chief Martinez and his Accreditation Team were required to present documented proof of the Agency's dedication and adherence to Agency policy and its commitment to the community. Chief Martinez and the Accreditation Team appeared before a committee of CALEA Commissioners to answer numerous questions concerning agency operations, administration, and community interests.

As an *Accredited Agency with Excellence*, the Miami Beach Police Department is recognized for continually demonstrating excellence in its commitment to the CALEA Accreditation process and its commitment to the City of Miami Beach, its residents, visitors and neighboring agencies.

Please join me in congratulating and commending the Miami Beach Police Department on this tremendous accomplishment.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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Attachments



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March 23, 2013

Mr. Raymond Martinez Chief of Police 1100 Washington Avenue Miami Beach, FL 33139

Dear Chief Martinez:

Congratulations!

It is a privilege to advise you that your agency has met the requirements of a highly regarded and broadly recognized body of Law Enforcement Accreditation standards, and was awarded for a fifth time by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., on March 23, 2013.

Your agency's Law Enforcement Accreditation represents the satisfactory completion of a continuous process of thorough agency wide self-evaluation, concluded by an exacting outside review by a team of independent assessors.

It also represents your agency's ongoing acceptance of the obligation to continue the quest for professional excellence by working toward fulfillment of any remaining applicable other-than-mandatory standards with which you chose not to comply during this Law Enforcement Accreditation activity, and any future standards promulgated by the Commission that may be applicable to your department.

Law Enforcement Accreditation of the Miami Beach Police Department is for three years. Your initial award date of December 2 will serve as the anniversary date for submission of required annual reports verifying your agency's continuing compliance with the standards under which you were awarded.

On behalf of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., we commend you and the Miami Beach Police Department for demonstrating commitment to professional standards in policy and practice. Again, congratulations.

Sincerely,

Louis M. Dekmar Chairman Sylvester Daughtry, Jr. Executive Director